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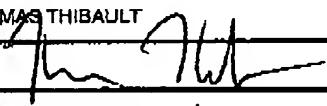
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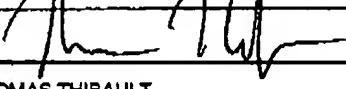
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## **RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Attention: Andrew D. Wright  
Patent Examiner

Dear Mr. Wright:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 22, 2005, ,  
please consider the following amendment and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.**